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RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy enclosed) mailed December 15, 2006, Applicants submit the enclosed Declaration executed by them on July 17, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865, the \$130.00 fee required under 37 CFR 1.492(h).

The Commissioner is requested to grant any necessary extension of time and is authorized to charge any additional fee, if required, to our Deposit Account No. 02-2865. This request is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/09/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/09/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/09/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/09/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/09/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/09/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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